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(*b*) the action taken by the Government to help and relieve their distress?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Government have no proposals on hand as there is no need for them at present. They are however watching the situation closely and the question of giving relief to the Indian Nationals to be repatriated from Ceylon will be considered when the need arises."

* 192 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any representation, dated the 28th September 1954, was received on behalf of Indians in Ceylon working as domestic servants, requesting the Madras State Government to provide such relief as has been afforded to refugees from Pakistan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to his question No. 191."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறியதில் கவனிக்கப் படுவதாகக் கூறினர் என்ருலும் சிலோனிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய அகதிகள் பூராவும் ஆதித்திராவிட இனத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களாகத்தான் இருப்பார்கள். எனவே பாகிஸ்தானிலிருந்து வந்த அகதிகளுக்கு வசதி அளித்ததுபோல், இந்த அகதிகளுக்கும் வசதி செய்துகொடுக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the need has arisen as yet. If the need arises, the Government will certainly look into the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know how many repatriates from Ceylon have so far come to this State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that I have the figures here. If a separate question is put, I shall answer it."

Raising the height of the Siruvani dam in Coimbatore district.

* 193 *Q*.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have spent any amount in raising the height of the Siruvani dam in Coimbatore district with a view to let excess water into the Noyyal river for irrigation purposes; and

(*b*) if so, the amount spent and whether the object has been achieved?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Rs. 53,043. Necessary action to achieve the object in view is being taken."